

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, 1,315,600 children are reported missing or whereabouts unknown in the U.S. each year; and,

Whereas, 1 child is reported missing every 43 seconds and 55 percent are under the age of 14; and,

Whereas, 1 of 7 children will be sexually solicited by age 18; and,

Whereas, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, along with the Amber Alert, are diligently working to reduce these numbers and to "Locate the Lost"; and,

Whereas, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has created the "Take 25" campaign to promote child safety education; and,

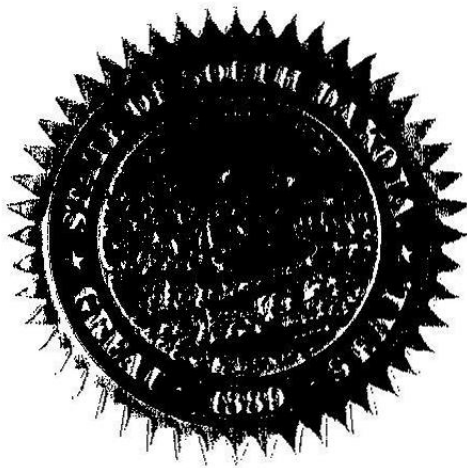
Whereas, The Masons of South Dakota, through cooperation with the National Center for Missing Children, Amber Alert, the South Dakota Sheriff's Association, and the South Dakota Dental Association, has developed a free premier comprehensive child identification and safety education program in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Masons of South Dakota through the South Dakota Comprehensive Child Identification Program (SDCHIP) has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to promote "Take 25" child safety education and is designating May 30, 2009, as a special day to promote child identification and safety education in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2009, as

SDCHIP DAY AND TAKE 25 DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State